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Re: Application of **Takahiko ISHIGURO, Juichi SAITOH,**
and **Tetsuya ISHIZUKA** entitled "METHOD OF ASSAY
OF TARGET NUCLEIC ACID"
Assignee: **TOSOH CORPORATION**
Our Ref: **Q-78097**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/345,761 (Conf. No.1618) filed **July 1, 1999**, of **Takahiko ISHIGURO, Juichi SAITOH** and **Tetsuya ISHIZUKA** entitled "METHOD OF ASSAY OF TARGET NUCLEIC ACID".

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and Abstract, 16 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney (as filed in the prior application).

Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement (along with Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) - listing references cited by Applicants and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application) and a Request to Use Computer-Readable Form of Sequence Listing (accompanied by a copy of the Sequence Listing).

A Petition for Five-month Extension of Time (along with payment of the appropriate extension of time fee) is being filed concurrently herewith in Parent Application No. 09/345,761.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1634.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	10-186434	July 1, 1998

The priority document was filed in Parent Application No. 09/345,761.



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Base Fee								<u>\$770.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee								<u>\$0.00</u>

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\$770.00

Applicants respectfully requests that the statutory filing fee, in the amount of \$770.00, be charged Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is also hereby directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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